NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

INFORMATION FROM ALL PARTS OF THE BAILWAY WORLD.

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ger and General Freight Agents to Con-sider Rates - Hallroad Instruction in 1888 The meetings of general passenger and general freight agents yesterday at the Commissioner's offices were the first perfectly peaceable ones that have been held for many a day. Everything was in outward keep-ing with the piedges of the several Presiients. No tomakawks were displayed in either body, but the blue smoke from a dozen fragrant Havanas mingled naturally and wrapped them in a single cloudy garment. The place where the passenger agents met was significant. It was in the private office of Chairman Pierson. whom they have been shunning on several oc easions of late, instead of the regular meeting room. The freight men had the large room.

The Philadelphia and Reading road was admitted into the joint passenger tariff. Heretofore it had practically enjoyed the privileges of such connection. The same terms as heretolore were agreed upon for military transpor-Special fares for other bodies were also established. A letter from a representative of the Paris Exposition to be held nart year was received, offering to furnish accomdations on the other side for Americans and toe coperateswith the trunk lines in arrangements of travel. It was discussed at length but no action was taken.

While the ticke: brokers in this vicinity have agreed to sell tickets to passengers at the tariff rates which are in vogue at the regular railroad offices, there is said to be little doubt that they will find a way around it. The simplest is the rebate system, which associated brokers resort to often when the railroads try shut down on them or to call ir tickets. In this way discrimination is likely to be as rampant as it was before the Inter-State Commerce Commission called a halt.

The Engineering News of this week reviews the railway construction of 1888. The new track laid amounted to 6,430 miles, which, it says, was only half that recorded for the previous year, and two-thirds the mileagelfor 1886. South has shown more activity than ever before. Only one line of any length was built. It

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portant as compétitive lines, while in 1886 and 1887 the great feature of the work was the construction of lines to compete for the traffic between Chicago and the two centres of Kansas City and St. Paul, as well as the new competing route for the trunk line traffic via the Sault Ste. Marie. Many of the extensions of 1888 compete, indeed, with older lines, but the competition is of only local importance, and in general it is local development rather than competition which has been the spur to railway building during the past year.

"A great contrast between 1888 and the two preceding years is seen in the ownership of the extensions. The twenty-six companies that built 9,065 miles in 1887, or nearly 72 per cent. of the whole mileage, built only 2,518 miles this year, or only 39 per cent of the whole. The current belief that the Inter-State Commerce law tends to force the local roads to consolidate with the great systems is hardly corroborated by the large number of local lines built in 1888." Sergeant Frank Ridgeway of the United States Signal Service Corps stationed at Harrisburg, has received instructions from Gen. Greely, chief of the staff at Washington, to make every possible effort to secure volunteer observers along the lines of the Pennsylvania, Cumberland Valley, Northern Central, Philadelphia and Reading, and other roads in Central Pennsylvania. Gen. Greely says that the department will supply the observers with department will supply the observers with enow and rain gauges, all the necessary printed blanks to make their weekly reports, books of instruction how to make observations and reports, and also with department envelopes for malling reports, which require no postage. The department, however, cannot supply the other instruments, such as barometers and themometers, but it will assist all observers to secure them at greatly reduced prices. The purpose of this plan on the part of the signal service Corps is to furnish the railroads with such information as will be useful to them. The observers are

phis and Reading road requires the hind brakeman on freight trains to go back 400 yards and remain while their train is standing within the limits of any town along the line of that road. When out along the road the distance is increased to 900 yards.

Peter McCauley of Punrsuitawney has obtained a verdict in the Jefferson county (Pennsylvania) courts against heller & Bush for \$214,000. Messra Keller & Bush built the Bell's Gap road, and Mr. McCauley did the stone work for them. When the work was finished they refused to pay him the contract price within \$14,000, on the ground that he did not follow the specifications, and he at once brought suit to recover.

The Bell's Gap road is anxious to extend its line into the pew coal and iumber territory in and around Jeserson county, with the hope of greatly increasing its business. It has made arrangements for a survey of a branch road extending from Medee's mills, running along tush Greek to Burnaide, for the purpose of getting an idea of the cost of the extension. This route passes directly through the district which the road is anxious to penetrate. It has a fival in a new company which has engineers locating a route from Ferryaville to Funxautawney and Kittaning. The first road through that socion, with its undeveloped coal fields, will have a monopoly of the immense business which it is believed will be done.

John H. Leonard, chief assistant ticket agent at fortsville, on the Philadelphia and Reading road, has been promoted to the place of agent of the Shamokin station. William Wertz, who was operator and assistant agent at Fottsville, but he had the lace made vacant be also a promoted to the place made vacant be also a promoted to the place of agent of the Shamokin station. William Wertz, who was operator and assistant agent at Fottsville, has been promoted to the place made vacant be also a promoted to the place of agent of the Shamokin station. William Wertz, who was operator and assistant agent at Fottsville, he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he was elected by the Board of Directo which he would be a promoted to the proposed th

the track itself has been improved by the removal of several thousand tons of light rails, which have been substituted by others weighing 85 pounds to the yard. Mr. Richards also examined and thoroughly tested the English track. A year and a half ago Vice-Fresident Thompson purchased two miles of English rails, with ties, chairs, and spikes. The tracks were laid in four half mile sections—one between New York and Philadelphia, one between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, one between Altoona and Pittsburgh. The rails, which weighed 90 pounds to the yard, were laid one-half on wooden ties and the other half on iron ties. The iron ties have proved difficult to keep in piece, wanting in elasticity and inferior to the wooden ties in so many respects that they have been removed.

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inferior to the wooden ties in so many respects that they have been removed.

The 11:30 P. M. express train over the Shore live is the latest train now leaving Boston of the railway service between Boston and New York. All the express trains of the Providence division of the Old Colony road now include parior cars in their make-up, and the price of seats in these cars has been made uniform between Boston and Newport. Fall Biver and Providence.

The Boston and Ohio Railroad has contracted with the Eastern Freight Car Heater Company of Boston for fifty more beater cars. making 100 in all which are being built for the road. The Bouth Baltimore Car Company will build the last fifty ordered.

Charley Green was one of the most popular conductors on the Boston and Maine Railroad. For years be has collected farce between Boston and Portland and the regular passengers will regret to learn of his death. He contracted a cold in the November blizzard, which developed into pneumonia. He had a host of friends.

Conductor Frank Lyons and Engineer John Fales of the Boston and Albany Railroad have lost their heads because they permitted their train to smash into that of Conductor Bean at Ashland last week.

Station Agent George D. Puffer of Saxonville, who died of apopiexy on Christmas eve, had been in the employ of the Boston and Albany Railroad twenty years.

Death and the infirmities incident to age have withdrawn from the service of the Erie Railroad two of its old and faithful officials. There died at Middletown, on Christmas Day, Cavin Axford, for about forty years superintendent of bridges and buildings on the Eastern division, has resigned and retired from service.

John Murphy, formerly of Port Jervis, has been promoted to the post of master mechanic of the Buffalo division and branches of the Erie Railroad, in place of William Litz. resigned. This completes the list of chanses made within a month past, which gives each of the four divisions of the Erie a new master mechanic.

the four divisions of the law in the law fork. Susquehanna and Western Railroad has a large force at work completing the task of substituting steel for iron rails on that section of its track between Middletown and Johnson's. This will give the line complete steel tracks between Middletown and

that section of its track between Middletown and Johnson's. This will give the line complete steel tracks between Middletown and Jersey City.

B. C. Stoddard of Susquehanna has been appointed superintendent of car repairs on the Eric Raliroad, in charge of the shops at Susquehanna, Binghamton, Owego, Corning, Addison, and Carbondale. He takes the place of Superintendent Goodell, resigned.

The Brookheld Raliroad Company finds itself in serious financial straits. A number of local capitalists organized the company last June, and undertrok to build a seven mile section of the projected line between the village of Brookfield and North Brookfield Station, on the Utica branch of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Raliroad. When the grading and bridging was nearly completed in October, the company's stock subscription fund ran out, and it falled in negotiating an issue of first mortgage bonda. Work was stopped, leaving many clamorous creditors, among whom were the company's civil engineer, bridge builders, lumber purveyors, and others. The 250 Italian laborers employed in grading began 250 Individual suits for arrears of wages. An effort is being made by the people along the line of the proposed route to relieve the company from its embarrassments and complete the line.

A new time table took effect on the Eastern division of the Eric Raliroad on Dec. 23, providing for the passage over part of the division of a new daily passenger train—No. 301 eastward, No. 302 westward—between Washington and Boston, and known as the Washington and Roston, and known as the Washington and Roston, and known as the Washington and Roston, and known as the Train arrives at West End. Jersey City, by the Pennsylvania Raliroad at 9:40 P. M.: thence follows the Eric main line and short-cut branch to Newburgh; thence by transfer steamer Hart to Fishkill, and by the New England repress from Boston, via Newburgh, arrives at West End at 4:95 A. M. The train is made up mainly of sleeping coaches.

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Negotiations are pending between the Pennsylvania Railroad and New Jersey Central authorities for the ioint use of the Lehigh and Hudson River Railroad, which will give the Pennsylvania access to the Poughkeepsie Bridge. Vice-President Earris has the affair in hand for the New Jersey Central and Vice-President Thomsen is looking after the Pennsylvania's interests.

THE OLD NORWICH BANK.

It Will Doubtless Go Out of Bustness After

an Existnee of 92 Years, NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 27 .- A meeting has been called of the stockholders of the old Norwith National Bank of this city for an early date, at which they will determine whether to The Norwich Bank is one of the oldest in the country, having been founded in 1796. Its capital is \$220,000. It has always done a conservative and satisfactory business, but in these times of "fly" cashiers and daring speculative times of "by" cashiers and daring specialities investments has lagged somewhat, its dividends lately averaging at the rate of about 4 per cent. The stockholders consequently prefer more promising if possibly less prudent investments. There is little doubt that they will decide to let the bank go. Other and more dashing institutions here have been figuring for some time to bring about that result, hoping to catch the patronage that now goes to the old Norwich, and there is already quarrelling among the expectant heirs over the anticipated spoils, and sharp practice is hinted at. The stockholders are to meet on Jan. 8. The building which is occupied by the Norwich Bank is a typical, old-time, quaint little musty structure, pillared in front with lofty white columns, and encircled with an old-fashioned fron paing. Inside it is as antique as it is without. Since 1880 Norwich has lost in one way or another \$500,000 of banking capital, the most of it having been wiped out by the defalcations of the Norwich Bank cashiers in one lump a few years ago. If the Norwich Bank goes to pieces the total loss to Norwich will reach the sum of over \$700,000.

A PENSIONEE WITH TWO NAMES.

He Appears Before Himself an Justice of

BOSTON, Dec. 27 .- In the United States Court to-day, John F. Brown, clerk of the Nantucket County Court and Clerk of the town of Naniucket, was defendant in a peculiar case which thered the lawyers who tried to straintes in out. Brown was entitled, as Frankin J. Fown, to draw a pension from the United State Government for services in the rebell and in making out vouchers to get his money he appeared as Franklin J. Brown before himself as John F. Brown, and in the person of John F. Brown signed an affidavit that he as Franklin J. Brown was personally known to him. John F. Brown, a Justice of the Peace, and was the person named in the voucher as the one entitled to draw the pension. It therefore appeared before the Court this morning that the defendant, as Franklin J. Brown, was as innocent as a new-born babe, but that as John F. Brown he was the subject of grave suspicion. If not guilty of a crime under the Fedoral laws. Assistant District Attorney Talbot contented that the object of Brown was to make the Government believe that Franklin J. Brown and John F. Brown were separate individuals, and that the voucher as signed was fraudulent. Mr. Chaplin said that the defendant thought that he had a right to do what he did, and cited authorities to show that his cilent was not guilty of a crime. Judge Nelson took that view of the case and ordered a verdict of not guilty. Nantucket, was defendant in a peculiar case

Attacked by an Eagle. BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 27.-Fred B. Hubbard, a druggist of this city, had a battle with an eagle last night, and after a severe struggle captured it. Hubbard was walking out at the West End, when suddenly he was almost knocked down by the huge bird, which lighted knocked down by the huge bird, which lighted on his shoulder and buried his talons in his flesh. He grabbed the bird, which then fastened its huge beak in his hand, inflicting a severe wound. After a lively tussle the bird was made to break its hold and was thrown to the ground. In an instant it jumped up and fastened its beak in the fleshy part of Hubbard's leg, usus above the knee. Hubbard managed to get a firm grip on the wings of the bird, and thus held it a prisoner. He has three bad wounds, but has the satisfaction of having captured a live eagle.

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 27 .- News has been received here of the murder on the 16th inst. in Mexico of Edward W. Howland, formerly of in Mexico of Edward W. Howland, formerly of this city. Mr. Howland went to Lynn four years ago and worked for the Thomson-Hous-ton Electric Company. He went to Mexico as at agent for the company to establish a land there allout nine months ago, and left a family in Lynn, who reside there now, consisting of his wife and two children. Hrs. Howland first received notice of her husband's death yester-day. The letter did not contain any laforma-tion as to how the deed was committed. NEITHER GETS THE NEW ARMORT.

Ninth Warmly Championed Against th Seventy-Bret-Besuit, a Beadlock. The Ninth Regiment and the Seventy first Begiment are rival claimants of the new armory, which it was proposed to build at Fourth avenue and Thirty-fourth street. The Armory Board recently decided to take the land and assign the new quarters to the Seventy-first Begiment. The concurrence of the Sinking Fund Commissioners is necessary When they met yesterday Recorder Smyth ob tested, and said that the Ninth Regiment was at the head of the list of applicants, had more of a war record than all of the other city regiments together, and was disgracefully house in a building that was condemned years ago

and is liable to fall. Mayor Hewist said that the designation of a regiment by the Armory Board was necessary as a preliminary to acquire the land, but that regiment by the Armory Board was necessary as a preliminary to acquire the land, but that it could be changed after the land was acquired. He thought the objection now would result in a failure to acquire the property.

Comptroller Myers, who was once a Lieutenant in the Ninth, agreed with the Recorder. He said that the Ninth had doubtless been passed over because of Gen. Fitzgerald's statement in the Armory Board that the Ninth was likely to be disbanded.

Col. Seward of the Ninth desired to be heard. The Mayor did not wish to hear nim. The Recorder moved that he be heard. Everybody seemed to be a little warm, and the votes were snapped out with great emphasis. The Mayor's no was overwheimed.

Col. Seward denied that a formal recommendation that the Ninth be disbanded had ever come from the Inspector-General.

Tax Commissioner Coleman. Col. Clarke, and the Mayor, all being members of the Armory Board, said that the statement about the proposed disbanding of the Ninth had nothing to do with their decision to designate the Seventy-first for the Fourth Avenue Armory. It had been done with the idea that the Ninth was a west side regiment and the intention was to provide a west side site for it.

There was a deadlock on the vote to concur. Mayor Hewitt and Chamberlain Ivins voted yea and the Recorder and Comptroller nay. This prevents the city from acquiring the site at all, and Chamberlain Ivins said it was because the Ninth had acted the part of the dog in the manger.

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"Don't blame the regiment," said the Comptroller. "If anybody is to be blamed it should be Recorder Smyth and myself."
"Two dogs in the manger," commented the Mayor, and the fuss was over.

CITY TAXES WILL BE VERY LOW, In Spite of the \$19,500,000 in Bonds for Parks and Aqueduct,

The Board of Estimate completed and signed vesterday the city budget for 1889. It is three-quarters of a million less than last year's, and the increase of taxable valuation in the improving parts of the city is estimated to be enough to reduce the tax rate in 1889 to about \$2.15, lower than it has been for thirty years, This year's rate was \$2.22. This is the bu

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Net bonded debt..... 1, 1888. The immense sum of \$19.500,000 in bonds is to be issued next year under legislative enactments for new parks and the aqueduct. The necessary provision for interest on them is in this year's estimates. Were it not for this the tax rate would have been smaller yet. As it is, the Mayor spoke of it with pleasure and pride.

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The theatre license fund to the amount of \$21,350 was split in two on motion of the Mayor and half of it given to the Actors' Fund.

At the Mayor's suggestion, when the charity money was allowed, \$1,000 was appropriated to provide transportation for stranded persons from New York to their homes. This fund will be administered by the Charity

TREASURES FOR AN ART GALLERY.

Brisk Competition at Leavitt's for the Contents of a Newporter's Wine Cellar. Auctioneer Merry sold about 2.250 bottles of wines and spirits for about \$4,750 at the terday morning. The stock was consigned by Thomas Burlingham of Newbort, to close an estate of which he is executor. The reason the sale did not take place in Rhode Island was because of the prohibitory laws of that model commonwealth. Previous to the sale a temporary bar was opened in the auction room, and the stock was extensively sampled by prospective purchasers, and still more extensively sampled by persons who only pretended to be purchasers. There was no license needed for this extemporized bar, because the liquor was given away. The auction opened promisingly with the sale of five dozen 1795 Cognae, of Judah Touro and Webster stock, at 36 the bottle. Eight dozen Seacock Madeira, 1828, of equally good lineage, which sold at the Winthrop sale in Newport in 1875 for \$8 a bottle, brought but \$2.25 for the first two cases and \$2 a bottle for the rest. The wine was said to be spoiled. The highest price of the sale was brought by five cases of Juno Madeira of the vintagre of 1817. Their leading the list was due to the annoyance of a bidder known as J. S. on discovering that, in place of all five cases being knocked down to-him at \$4 a bottle, one case belonged to a Mr. Jones whose bid was simultaneous. He insisted on the wine being put up again, but Mr. Jones got his one case all the same. He had to pay \$6.75 a bottle, to be sure, but he had the satisfaction of seeing J. S. pay \$6 a bottle for his four cases. purchasers. There was no license needed for

The Law Journal's Victory. One phase of the legal controversy between the Daily Register and the New Yer Yers Law Journal, in the soil as to which paper shall be legally designated the official law journal was passed upon yesterday by Judge Patterson in Supreme Court, Special Term The Register has published the legal notices and calendars since 1874, when it was designated as the legal paper. Some mouths ago the Judges selected the Law Journal as the official journal. Suit was brought to recover the allewance made by the city for the publication of legal notices. The Register demurred to the Law Journal's answer, and Judge Patterson overrules the demurrer. He holds that the Judges have the power to redesignate a paper in which legal notices shall be published.

Henry Hoffman. George Smith. and Teddy Atkins for into a dispute at the Metropolitan Hall, Green-ville, yesterday about sandwich eating, and each put up \$5 for a match. Fifty sandwiches were cut. The man who are the largest number in the abortest time was to take the money. The sandwiches were half Swiss cheese and half ham, and were made with rye bread liofiman tackied the cheese and Atkins the ham liofi-man ats tixteen and then had to stop. His time was fitteen minutes. Atkins and finish stopped a few min-utes later. Smith's record was fourteen in eighteen minutes, Atkins by twelve is eighteen minutes. Hoffman took the money.

Transfer of a Horse Entirond.

In February last the franchise and other pos-In February last the franchise and other nos-cessions of the South Ferry Railway Company were soid at the Real Istate Exchange under foreclosure at the instance of the trustee for the bondholders. The prop-erty was then bid in for \$270,000 by George W. Vultee. The referee's deed, executed and flied yesterday, shows that Values assigned his bid to Henry Thompson to whom the property was transferred. The road runs from Yessy street down New Church and Greenwich streets to the South Ferry.

Judgments to the amount of \$27,061.86 were entered yesterday in the Supreme Court against Henry M. Dudley and Robert D. Gardner composing the Srm of Dudley 2 Gardner. One judgment is in favor of the or Duckey Londoner. One justiment is in Tavor of the Minth National Benk for \$13,125.43, and another in favor of C. Henry Gardiner for \$11,125.45.

Aniem Lessuer and Michael Levausen were appointed by Judge Androws of the Supreme Court vesterday receivers of "The Mart." at 2,238 and 2,230 Third avenue. The proceedings were brought by the stackholders and creditors. The debts of the corporation amount to ever \$70,000. The company's aspital stock was \$50,000, but only one-half of it was paid in.

SPORTS WITH THE BALL LATEST NEWS OF THE BASE BALL

AND BOWLING MEN.

Pat Powers Bon't Want the Rochester Club-The Fourth League Umptro Ap-pointed-A Brooklyn Settery in Havana. 'Anything new in base ball?" inquired THE SUN man of Manager Pat Powers of the Jersey City Club yesterday. Pat smiled, that is he tried to do so, for he has been sick for some days past, and any attempt to do any thing out of the natural course of events is ac companied by a gentle reminder of a stiff neck. "Well," answered the genial manager, "I see that I am after the Rochester Club. I wonder what club I will be after next. The rumor that I was to be the next owner of the Rochester franchise has no truth in it. I don't want the club, and I don't want to leave Jersey City. Why should I? It has always treated me wel snough. Yes, I am friendly with all the man agers of the International League, but I don' see how that would help us to live. Supposing that we did get one of the International League franchises, do you suppose that we could make any more money now than when we were in the League before? Not by a jugful. You see, the same thing happens every season with me, that is, rumors are circulated that I am going to this club or that club, but the result of the whole matter is, I stay just where I am. I will give you a tip, and that is, Jersey City is good enough for ma. But, without jesting. I have no thoughts of any club but that in Jersey City. If I had I would not be afraid to say so. As for the International League, I don't know anything about it more League. I don't know anything about it more than I see in the papers. The suggestion that the Jersey City and Newark Clubs join the International League is not agood one to my mind, not withstanding the fact that their playing strength compares well to that of the International clubs. It was tried ones, and I think that trial fully demonstrated the folly of these two clubs going into the International League again. However, the rumor doesn't trouble me at all."

two clubs going into the International League again. However, the rumor doesn't trouble me at all." Primrose, who it was said was to succeed Pat Powers in Jersey City, said that the story of his managing the Jersey City Glub was an old one. "Before the recent American Association meeting." said he, "there was much talk of organizing a club in Jersey City and entering the American Association. The scheme did not carry, but if it had worked I was to have managed the club."

Collins and McMabon, the two Brooklyn boys who went to key West some time ago to act as the battery for the club of that place, have been heard from. As soon as our boys joined the Key West team a tour through the cities of Cuba was decided upon. When The Sun reporter saw the manager of the team just before salling from New York it seemed to be his sole ambition to down that Havans team.

team.

The Havanas have defeated the Key West boys time and time again. But the addition of our Brooklyn boys to the team has brought about a big change, for on Christmas Day the Key West boys arrived in Havana, and did up the Spaniards in true New York style by a score of 9 to 5, the work of the Brooklyn boys being among the features of the game.

Manager Jack Chapman is not begging a place on any club, let alone the Louisvilles. He said yesterday that he did write to Manager Davidson of the Louisvilles, saying, in case a manager was thought of that he be considered as an applicant. Jack will not be forced to go so far away from home, however, for good managers are not so very plentiful.

good managers are not so very plentiful.

Washington, Dec. 27.—W. C. Fessenden was to-day appointed a League umpire, thus filling the fourth and last vacancy on the staff. For nearly a week past Fresident Young has been carefully and earnestly contrasting the qualifications of Mr. Fessenden and Wesley Curry. On Christmas eve he concluded to give Fessenden the preference, and telegraphed him accordingly. Fessenden did not accept at once, but repided by wire, stating that he would write Mr. Joung on the subject. This morning's mail brought Fessenden's letter, but he appeared to be still in doubt.

About 2 o'clock this afternoon, while your correspondent was visiting League headquarters, a telegraph messenger handed Mr. Young a telegram, which read as follows:

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once.

W. C. Frankers.

This, of course, settled the business, and Mr. Young immediately prepared a contract and forwarded it to Mr. Fessenden at his home in Massachusetts. The latter was the star umpire of the Northwestern League last season, and he enters the National League highly recommended.

The following official budget was issued to-day from League Headquarters by Secretary Young:

CONTRACTS FOR 1880.

W. M. Nash and Charles Radbourne with Boston.

Faul Radford, E. Sakely, John Stricker, E. J. Helkon,
and C. L. Elmmer with Chrosland.

L. L. K. Shoeneck with Indianapolis.
John J. Fields with Pittsburgh.

George Treadway and W. E. Mains with St. Paul.

William Shenkia William Kiustman, and Thomas
Foorman with Milwankee.

George Rooks, W. H. Wheelock, and M. J. Goodfellow
with Detroit.

E. D. Burke, T. McLaughlin, and A. W. Atkisson with
Toroute.

Foronto.
A. J. Paine with Athletics.
Edward Tate with Baltimore.
J. H. Manning, D. E. Stearns, and James McGarr with

Kansas City. F. J. Foreman, T. Quinn, and Wm. Shindle with Bal-W. H. Terry with Brooklyn.
Jan. W. Keenan with Cincinnail.
J. Stenzel. J. E. Feoples, J. O'Connor, H. Kappel, and
Gartright with Celumbas.
P. B. Swartzel and J. B. Gumon with Kannan City,
J. B. Freman with St. Louis.

By Detroit—C. C. Campan and S. L. Thompson.
By Pittsburgh—Henry Yaik.
By Des Moines—D. E. Stearns.
By Toronto—M. Mansell.
By Cincinuati—J. O'Connor and H. Kappel. BULBARED

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BASE BALL SOTES.

The American Association is making a strong fight to get John Kelly as an umpire, but have so far failed in deing so.

DESVER, Dec. 27.—Edward Sileh of last season's Brocklyn Club has sent in his signed contract as a member of next year's Denver nine. William Fagan of the Nestropolitan Club of 1887 has also been secured as a pitcher.

An exchange says: The new President of the Western Base Ball Association, James V. McCormack of Omaha, is a crank on the game. He has an income of \$50,000 a year, and in consequence can afford to entertain a few cranky notions about almost any style of innocent pastime.

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PHILAPHIPHIA, Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the Athleite Rase Ball Club was held this afterneon. The present officers and Board of Directors were reciected, and the directors were instructed to take steps to secure a new ground. The Treasurer's report showed the club to be in an excellent insancial condition.

Among the applicants for places on the Association staff of unpires are Charles Briedy, the well-known catcher, Jack Nelson, Lip Pike, the veteran hall tosser, and Bobby Matthews. The association has appropriated but \$61.000 for its umpires and if Ferrymon is to cet \$2.000 Gallney will not get a ceut less than that figure, and there will be little left for the other two.

Dave Bowe manager of the Denver Club has accept.

Dave Rows, manager of the Denver Club, has accept d the proposition of M. McQuald, a brother of the cele

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE BOTES.

Buffale will occupy new grounds next season.

Freedent Cushman is assigning that base ball will soon in Buffalo herester. Jack Rowe believes in reserve rules which do not re-The Hamilton Club is about the weakest in the Learne

now.

Detroit and Toledo are expected to exhibit more ri-vairy than any other two clubs.

Eows and White have paid \$7,500 for the Buffalo stock which they have thus far bought. Fecretary Pitz Gerald of the Buffale Base Ball Club is a leading member of the Acada Masonic Club. Alderman Franklin of Buffalo, who is on the Schedule Committee, will probably be replaced by Deacon White. Rochester wants to play some games by the lakeside at Charlotte. Rewe and White do not like the \$2,500 salary limit, and an effort may be made by them to have the matter reconsidered

It is a settled fact that Rowe and White will not at tempt to play in Bufalo unless an understanding is rear and with the Detroit slinb. rear and with the Detroit slinb.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Buffalo Club will be held ness Tuesday evening. Grand Rapids. Nich, is said to be a candidate for admission to the international League in the event of a vacanty.

It was club day at Casey's Brooklyn handball court yesterday, and the usual fine array of experts showed the spectators how the game was played. Casey and McEvoy began the day's sport with a two-handed game, in which Casey gave his opponent ten sees. These odds were a little heavy, and McEvoy won the game br the following score: McEser - 10, & R at 1, 2-21.

Aces by service—McEvoy, 7; Casey, 10. Aces by play—McEvoy, 4; Casey, & Aces by eredit—McEvoy, 10; Casey, U. Totale—McEvoy, 21; Casey, 18.

In the second game the conditions were the same, but the result was not, for Casey had

warmed up to his work by this time, and McEvey only got 7 ness above the allowance. The score:

Casey & \$ 10 5 1-21.

McNvoy-10 0 4 5-17.

Acce by sarvice-Casey, 18; McEvoy, 4
play-Casey, 8; McEvoy, 2, Acce by creditMcEvoy, 16, Tptais-Casey, 31; McEvoy, 17. Weich came in just as the third game was about to begin, and it was decided that he and McEvoy should play Casey. They played two games, with this result:

| RAMON, WITH EDIS TORUS: | CAMPATO, S. A. | -21, 2, 4 -16, | | MCRVOY and Weich-3, 2, 3, 4 -16, | | Acce by sarvice-Camer, 18; McRvoy, 8; Welch, 6, | | Campato, 1, 2, 1, 21, 2, 2, 8 -12, | | Acce by sarvice-Camer, 15; Welch, 5; McRvor, 4. After this Welch and McEvoy played off with this result:

Welch—5, 7, 2, 0, 2, 4—21. McKvoy—1, 0, 0, 2, 7—10. Acces by service—Welch, 12; McKvoy, 0, McEvoy and Markham have arranged to play a match at Casey's court on Washington's Birthday for a purse of \$100.

There is some lively betting on the outcome of the Courtney-Lawlor match, which will be finished on Tuesday next. Both sides are sure

finished on tuesday had of successa.

Phil Casey thinks that next season James Dunne. Charles Johnson, Bernard McQuade, John Lawlor, and himself will visit Ireland to look for new honors in handball circles. Mr. Casey is of the opinion that he can pick from the group of players at his court one or two who can give any of the Irish players a good water.

In the games of the Brooklyn Athletic Club's tournament on Wednesday night the scores were large, and the individual work was, as a rule, of the best. Here are the scores:

Totals...... 9 14 27 698 Totals.... 18 21 20

FIRST GAME.

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The Fidelia Bowling Club practises every Thursday at Waihalla Hall, 52 Orchard street. Some fine work was done by them last night, but the team has not come up to expectations. Last season, when they started out, they began with a secre of over 800, but they have not rolled 800 so far this season.

Athlette Notes.

Archie Brown of the P. A. C. is quite an all-ound athlete. Wm. Halpin of the Olympics is in training for the Amateur Union games on Jan. 19. The Varuna Boat Club have received over sixty entries for their boxing championships.

Anson Carroll of the Staten Islands will hustle his club mates. Pritchard and Norris, in the high jump.

high jump.

Joe Mason, the old-time hurdler, is going to enter the Amateur Union games along with the rest of the old-timers.

The Crib Club of Harlem, 7 West 128th street, will give its annual boxing and stag racket on New Year's night.

The National Cross Country Association will give a run from the Pastime Athletic Club house on the evening of Feb. 14, to start at 8 o'clock.

The National Cross Country Association will hold one of its runs on Jan. 5 at Staten Island, and will afterward be the guests of the Staten Island Athletic Club.

Island Athletic Club.

The following gentlemen will try to make the Brooklyn Athletic Club's stag party on New Year's eve a success: The Orpheus Glee Club, W. A. Allen. magician: F. Livingston. American Hercules; C. Monell, general athlete; T. H. Avery, impersonations; C. P. Donnelly, humorist: C. W. Everett, elocutionist; C. H. Hughes, comic vocalist; Smith and Trew, sketch artists: T. D. Wilson, blanist: U. C. Yarrington, banjoist; Messrs. Tuttle and Cahill, and Finn and Schuster, boxing.

and Finn and Schuster, boxing.

Mike Donavan's amateur tournament tonight at Palace Hall, Williamsburgh, will undoubtedly be a brilliant success. The following men are entered in the various classes:
Heavy weight—Billy Wright, G. W. Bulford, D.
Harris, H. Newman, J. W. Clifford, T. M.
Malone, and Pat Bullivan. Middle weight—G.
J. Hoggie, John J. Lynch, H. Lutes, Dan
McCarthy, Ed. MeDermott, Billy Relly. Lightweight—Con Sweeney, Charley McCarthy, E.
Moorehouse, R. J. Walsh, Feather weight—
Patsy Kehoa, D. Hickey, W. Flynn, M. Maloney,
In addition to the above Denny Butler and
Sailor Brown will box four rounds, and Mike
Donovan will wind up with Johnny Reagan.

The Louisville Trotting Association will, its announced, cease to exist next month.

Dave Pulsifer has engaged George Church and Johnny Tribe to ride for his stable next season.

The Jack Woods-Tom Russell mill is about due. The men's backers have made an outside bet of \$100, thus practically increasing the stakes to \$200 a side.

A paper-folding match for \$300 a side will take place at the City Assembly Rooms on Jan. 3 between William Burke and William Van Rone. Jerry Sullivan will be referee.

There is a movement on foot among Ninth warders to get up a benefit for Billy Murray, the plucky bantam, who has been unable to get on a match with the Harlem Spider. Frank Donovan, or one of the couple of others whom he challenged.

he challenged.

Mr. Lumley of the *Hiustrated News* withdrew yesterday, at the request of James Gordon Bennett, the \$5,000 deposited last summer on behalf of an "unknown" with the Paris bureau of the *Herald* for the match that didn't materialise between the unknown and Jake Kilrain.

At a recent contest of the Ozone Rifle Club.
Dr. Macfarland won the first prize, a large
silver water pitcher, presented by the Howard
House, Brooklyn. His score was 70 out of a
possible 75. W. E. Puffer won the second prize,
a sliver cup, by a score of 67 out of a possible 76.

sible 75.

Duncan C. Ross has accepted the wrestling challenge made by Dufur a week ago. The challenge is for a variety of styles, and Ross believes that he can win. He wants the states to be at least \$250 a side, and to come off within two weeks. Ross is expected in Boston in a few days. Mike Cushing has been one of the busy boxers also the arm he broke on Jack Hopper's head has thoroughly recovered its strength. He is now in training to meet an unknown. It is admitted that the mysterious one scales from 133 to 135 pounds, but more than that is not known of him by Mike himself or his trainer, Dan Gallagher of Greenpoint.

C. L. R. Hutchinson's New York yacht Dashaway, missing for two weeks, has arrived here safely. Mr. Hutchinson is in Ealtimore.

Pedestrian Herty in Tenining. DERBY, Dec. 27 .- Daniel J. Herty, the pedes trian, who has been here for several days as a side at traction at the recent 27-bour walking match, has secured quarters hera and will go into training at once for the international still day race which is to come off in Febru-ary. Happy Jack Smith has him in charge and will re-main with him.

The Macri Wrestling with a Bishop From the Denser Republican.

SALT LARE CITY, Dec. 22.—Herbert Slade, the Maori who travelled around the country with John La Sulivan a few years are, is having a legal tensile with a Morrison Bishop at More in this Territory. He is attempting the wrest from the Latter Day Saint a homestead fraudulently taken up under the Desert act. His attorneys may the land was anything but a desert when this precious Mornison Bishop proved up on it, and that the entity will be cancelled. The Mornison have threatened to shoot, and reserved to the old games of fifteen and treenty years ago, but slade so far has field his ground firmly. From the Denner Republican.

Two boys, each about 12 years old, sons of floring tagger and John McKeever, were drawned last results while shatting on a mill pond at Fininville, near fortchester.

DOWN ON MITCHELL AND RILRAIN. Audiences Hips Them in Cleveland-Mitchell

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27 .- The bitter feeling against Mitchell and Kilrain has eropped out here again. This evening they concluded a two-days' engagement here, and at each appearance on the Academy stage they were hissed and abused. Last night two eggs were thrown from the gallery at Mitchell , and Kilrain was loudly hooted this afternoon and evening. Early this morning, while Mitchell stood before the bar of the Kennard House with Parson Davies, Jake Kilrain, and some iceal sports, Hughey Burns, an English ex-pugilist and small gambler, first abused and then made a victous attack on him. Mitchell ran away and umped into and seroes the big pool of the bar-room fountain. Burns headed him off and was enceked out by a beautiful drive in the eye. Mitchell got a punch in the eye and badly sprained his right hand. Beddy Gallagher sparred Kilrain in his stead this afternoon and evening. At the first show of fight this morning Kilrain disappeared, and was not seen til all the trouble was over.

WHIPPED, BUT READY TO FIGHT AGAIN.

McDevitt Thinks he Could Make a Better There was a rattling fight with small gloves in Greenville on Wednesday night be-tween D. McDevitt and J. Walter, two young men who had a dispute to settle. The fight took place in a private house and was witnessed by twenty friends of the pugilists. The fighters wore ring costumes. Each is 19 years old and about 5 feet 8 inches tall. Walter was seven about 5 feet 8 inches tail. Walter was seven pounds heavier than McDevitt. When time was called McDevitt was first on his feet and led in the fighting. He appeared to be the better man, and pounded Walter at will. Walter was game, but he could not use his right hand at all. In the second round McDevitt hit Walter was stinging right-hander on the jaw, and scored a clean knockdown. In the sixth he repeated the dose. Walter showed signs of severe punlahment, but he appeared to be fresh and did not puff much, while McDevitt was hadly winded by his hard work, Walter took advantage of this in the seventh round, and pounded McDevitt pretty hard. In the eight he knocked him down with a fair left-hander, and McDevitt falled to come to time. The referee awarded the fight to Walter.

McDevitt was not satisfied, and challenged the victor to fight him again. Walter accepted the challenge, and the men will meet again within three weeks.

Ike Weir Anxious to Fight Frank Murphy. Boston, Dec. 27.-Ike Weir saw Frank Murphy's challenge for a fight in California in to-day's Sun, and at once sought his backer, Mr. Edward McAvoy, proprietor of the Hotel Miller, to announce his willingness to accept "I'll fight him at 118 pounds and let him

"I'll fight him at 118 pounds and let him weigh 120, if he wants to," exclaimed the nugnacious Spider. "I'll be in the ring whenever he says the word."

Mr. McAvoy said: "If Murphy's backers will put up \$1,500 or \$2,000 as a guarantee that Murphy will fight. I will cover it, and will then be ready to talk business with thom. Murphy is making all this talk to advertise himself."

"How about a meeting between Weir and Johnny Griffin, the Braintree feather weight?"

I should like to arrange such a fight, and would bet \$1,500 to \$1,000 that Weir would win."

Young Defeats Galay in Two Rounds. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-A fight between Billy foung, the light-weight champion of the District of Columbia, and Charles Gainy, a middle weight from New York, took place this merning on a farm in Maryland about four miles from this city, and resulted in the de-feat of Gainy in two rounds.

RACING ON JERSEY HEIGHTS. Fog. Dringle, and Mud Too Much for the

Half-mile Favorites. The irrepressible racegoers who journeyed o Guttenburg vesterday experienced anything and a half at the Jay street ferry, and few were on the grounds to see the first race. The Heights were enveloped in fog and drizzle, and

the track was slushy and deep with mud. The only close finish was in the second race, when Alveda beat Julia Miller in by half a length. Twas a damp day for favorites. Besults fol-OW:

First Bace—Purse 2000; selling allowances; six and a saif turiongs. Veto wos. Glen Almond second, and fraveller third. Time, 1:54)s. Mutuals paid \$8.50, \$2.00, upd \$2.50. on d Race—Purse \$200; selling allowances; mile attenth. Alveds won, Julia Miller second, and r third. Time, 2:0334. Mutuals paid \$6.55, \$2.30, 60.
Race.—Purse \$200; selling allowances; seven
Frank Mullins won, Costello second, and
ird. Time, 1-2756. Mutuals paid \$16.75, \$6.70,

raird sace.—Turse scot; setting allowances; seven furiongs. Frank Mullins won, Costello second, and Brier third. Time, 1:37%. Mateads paid \$10.75, \$5.70, and \$4.10. Fourth Race.—Purse \$200; selling allowances; one mile. Ocent Luna won, Charley Arnoid second, and Meledrama third. Time 1:53% Mutuals paid \$13.10, \$8.90, and \$2.75.
Fifth Race.—Purse \$200, for maidens; three-quarters of a mile. Planna won. Breton second, and Spring Breeze third. Time, 1:38, Mutuals paid \$4.00, \$2.70, and \$3.50.

New Orleans Races,

NEW ORLEANS, Doc. 27 -The west NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The weather to-day was clear and cool. The track was heavy.

First Race-Eleven-sixteenths of a mile; selling. Annawan won by two lengths. Lee Breigel was second, two lengths ahead of Top-o'-Morning, third. Dakotah was last. Time, 1:15%. Fost todds—Top-o'-Morning, even; Lee Breigel, 2 to 1; Dakotah, 3 to 1; Annawan, dto 1. even: Leo Breigel, 2 to 1; Dakotah, 3 to 1; Atnawan, 6 to 1.

Hecond Race—Six furiousn; selling. Gelightly won by length. Probus was second, a length before Victress, third, besting Fred Wooley and Moonstone. Time, 1:22. Fost odds—doightly and Probus, each 7 to 1; Victres, 5 to 1; Fost odds—Five Furiousn. Cheesey won by two lengths. Benton second, two lengths abad of Lord Greswoor, third, beating Dan Mesks, Tame O'Hanter. Porter Ash. and Gabe C. Time.

Against Cheeney, 4 to 5; Benton, 4 to 1; Lord Greswoor, 4 to 6 to 1.

6 to 1. Fourth Bace—Seven furlongs; handicap. Syntax won by two lengths. Redisaf second, a length shead of Get, third, beating Derochment, John Daily. Pomeroy. Jim Nave, and Wild Boy. Time, 1.34½. Fost odds—Against Get, 3 to 1; Syntax, 4 to 1; Redisaf, 6 to 1.

BARGAINS IN THOROUGHBREDS. A Son of Frequets Sells for 890, and One

"Now, come on; bring in another victim," shouted Mr. Easton to a groom in Madison Square Garden yesterday, after he had sold Lehman, a two-year-old son of Iroquois, and Nellie Hinde for \$80. The sale consisted of race horses in training from the stables of Messrs, Edward Kelly, W. R. Thomas, T. N. Miller, and a miscellaneous lot from Kentucky. The sale was not overencouraging to those interested. Few buyers of note were in the throng of about 200 that faced the auctioneer. C. W. Bathgate, Dave Pulsifer, William ;Lakeland, J. H. McCormick, Charles Oxx. Dave Gideon. W. C. Bollins, B. Cohn. Abe Garson. and other frequenters of race tracks watched the sale, occasionally bidding on some horse that struck their fancy. Only three of the racers reached four figures. Bales were made as follows:

MR. MRLLT'S LOT. MR. MILLER'S LOT.

Alan Archer, ch. c. 2 by Mortemer; Mr. Morrison. \$2, 100 Lady Archer, ch. f. 2, by Straiford; Mr. Asheeton. 1,000 Clay Pate, Yen Booker, Harry Russell, and Fendennis were not said. MR. THOMAS'S LOT. and Archer ch. L. and Harry Charles and Archer ch. L. and Harry Charles and Archer ch. L. and Harry Charles and L. and Harry Charles and L. an G. D. Boyden, ch. c., 1980, by thin Annual and Garson.

Miss Thomas, ch. f., 1880, by Hindon, J. M. Jeffcott.

Fanta, ch. f., 1880, by Kantaia; G. W. Phillips.

Julia Boyla, b. f., 1880, by King Alfonso; B. Cohn.

Lillie, b. f., 1880, by King Alfonso; B. Cohn.

Mutter, b. g., 1880, by Whisper, Abe Garson.

Brigade, b. g., 1880, by Junp, Brigadier; J. E. Renwick.

Brigade, b.g., 1885, by imp. Brigadier, J. Brigadier, S. Brycoli, 1887, by Tenbroeck; D. Pulaifer, Chestunt coli, 1887, by imp. London; J. L. Yerry Chestunt coli, 1887, by King Ban, W. C. Bolling, Don Carlos, ch. c., & by Frince Charlie: J. Tiernan Lehman, br. g., 1886, by Frequois: M. McDonnell An imported bay saddle horse, 8 years, said to have cost \$3.500 last spring, was bought by Mr. J. Grant for \$80. and Miss Moulsey, ch. m.. 7 years, a fine jumper, fell to Mr. H. Y. Lippe for \$105. for \$105.

Montana Regent and Keynote were not sold.

The King Ban colt bought by Walter Rollins
for \$500 was sold last Soptember for \$2,050.

Kentucky Thoroughbreds Sold. LEXINGTON, Dec. 27.—May Ban, chestnut filly, 2 by King Ban, dam May Day, has been sold by Daniel Bradley of this city to Samuel C. Lyne of Windom. Ky. for \$1,000. Scientist bay yearling colt. by Almont Wilkes, dam by Dictator, has been sold by Gen. W. T. Withers of Fairlawn Block Farm, this city, to J. N. Yan Winnie of Butchinson, Kansas, for \$2,000. Fairlawn, bay colt. 2 by Nutwood, dam by Almont has been sold by same breeder to T. W. White of Mount Sterling, Ky. for \$1,500. Republican bay yearling colt. by Almont Wilkes, dam by Gussier, has been sold gt. W. Beach of Auburn, Neb. by same breeder, for \$1,500.

The Strikers Give Up. DENVER, Dec. 27.—The strike among Union Pacific switchmen at this point has been practically declared off, the old hands giving in owing to the company's return to meet their demands for an increase. THE CARTARETS' TROPHY

WON IN A CONTEST AGAINST FIVE VISITING GUN CLUBS.

Great Slaughter of Pigeous who Frored

Hard and Swift Plyers for Their Lives. The Scores of the Various Contestants.

Rain was falling heavily when the mem-

bers of the six gun clubs entered in competi-

tion for the \$500 silver trophy reached the grounds of the Cartaret Gun Club at Bergen Point; but your true sportsman is equal to all kinds of weather, and never permits such trifling inconveniences as wet clothing, leaden skies, and muggy weather to interfere with his favorite pastime. These clubs were represented by teams of four men each, and they shot at twenty birds, at thirty yards' rise and fifty yards' boundary: Cartaret of New York, Tuxedo of Tuxedo Park, Riverton of Philadelphia, Philadelphias of Philadelphia, Westmin-ster Kennel of Babylon, L. L. and Countrys of Westchester county, and each organization paid an entrance fee of \$50. The outcome of paid an entrance test of say, The decembed the shoot was a great victory for the home aggregation, Messra. Gladwin, Thorne, W. Floyd-Jones, and Knapp, who killed 70 out of the 80 pigeons shot at. Their nearest opponents were the Countrys, who killed 66, while the race batween the others was very close and exciting. Riverton coming third with a total of 65. Phil-Riverton coming third with a total of 65. Philadelphia fourth with 64. Westminster next with 61, and Tuxedo last with a total of 56.

Among those who thronged the balcony of the handsome ciub house and watched the contestants in the drizzling rain were Tresaurer J. B. Metcalf of the Cartaret Club. W. H. Sanda, B. S. Sanda, George De Forest Grant. R. C. D. La Montagne, Marvin Storcy. Chausers Deviln. Adolph Dubarry. N. Thorne, and H. G. Crickmore. A. C. Arnoid was referee.

In the majority of cases the nigeons were killed with the first barrel. The marksman took his position, abouted "Puill" when ready, and the imprisoned bird rose to its death; a puff of white smoke, a scattering of feathers, and the bird dropped inert. Occasionally a strong flyer would escape the leaden shower and wing its way beyond the grounds of the club, where several uncerting shots were lying in wait. Very few of the blue rocks got past the pickets without losing some tail feathers. The dead birds were retrieved by three splendid dors. Blaph, a Gordon setter, belonging to the Cartaret club, doing the best work. The other dogs were Cakley Thorne's setter. Joe and the Cartarets' pointer Phil. When the contest was concluded a heap of dead birds bore conclusive evidence of the uncring aim of a majority of the contestants.

W. Floyd-Jones and Knapp of the Cartarets

JAKE GEDBEY'S HOG-GUESSING BEEL Mammoth Porker All Ready for This

Winter's Event. NEWBURGH, Dec. 27 .- Jake Gedney's annual hog-guessing match is the event of the winter in this part of the country. Jake is a hotel proprietor, whose tavern is the resting place of many a weary traveller on the North Plank road. For many years he has been known as the friend of the Plattekill huckleberry picker and the Shawangunk hooppole cutter, who find his latchstring out as far when they call as d those who live in the same town from which he

those who live in the same town from which he obtains his license and in which he pays his taxes. His hotel is in the town of Newburgh, where many of Newburgh's wealthy people reside, and at his annual hog-guessing event the town contains more people than at any other time during the year.

The porter for this winter's guessing bee is the largest Gedney has ever had. It was born at Lake Mohonk, in Ulster county, on a farm near the famous Quaker summer hotel managed by Mr. Smiley. Two months ago it was so big and heavy that when Gedney backed his immer wagon up to the pigsty to remove it to his hotel he was unable to pitch it in head first, as he usually does. Not having a derrick handy, Jake was put to his wits' ends to devise a way of loading the porker. At length, with Yankee ingenuity, he removed the hind wheels of his wagon and lowered the box to the ground. The porker was then run in, after which the wagon was jacked up, the wheels put in place, and the party set out for Gedney's, miles away. Since then the mammoth hog has just reveiled in food, and has grown to such proportions that it looks as though its hide would hardly hold it together until the guessing match comes off. Its legs are though its hide would hardly hold it together until the guessing match comes off. Its legs are incanable of holding it up any great length of time, and, as it rolls in a continuous wealth of food, it appears to be the happiest hog in the universe. Its back is nearly as broad as an elephant's: its eyes are nearly closed, and its body barely escapes the bottom of the pen as it rises to greet strangers who call to look at it. The guessing bee over this hog will be the most memorable Jake Gedney has ever had.

ALBANY, Dec. 27 .- It has been decided to open the midwinter carnival in this city as noon on Tuesday, Jan. 29, and to close it the following Thursday night. A half-mile cirfollowing Thursday night. A half-mile circular race track will be laid out on the ice is
the river, an immense ice fort will be built on
the most commanding site in the park, and all
the toboggan and bobbing slides will be open
to visitors. Curling and skating matches will
be held, and the carnival will close with the
storming of the fort. The railroad officials last
evening notified the Committee of Arrangements that special excursion rates at about
half fare would be made during the continuance of the carnival. The Governor and other
prominent State and national officials will be
invited to participate, and to review the aight
parade of the bobbing, toboggan, skating, and
other clubs.

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DENVER, Dec. 27 .- After being confined in the county jail for three weeks Horace Haven, the county iall for three weeks Horace Haven, alias "Little Horace." to-day paid \$500, the amount of his ball, and left for the East. Haven was arrested while attempting to rob the People's Savings Eank, but as only one witness could be found to appear against him his trial was postponed from day to day. An hour after his departure a New York detective arrived, charging Haven with some Eastern robbery.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27 .- The third annual meeting of the Ohio Association of Trotting Horse Breeders was held at the Kennard House Horse Broeders was seid at the Aennard House to-day. There was a large attendance and about twenty new members were admitted. Nine new stakes—seven for 1859, one for 1850, and one for 1891—were council. One is the Novelty Stake for four-year-olds and under. The sum of 2800 was apprepriated for added money. C. F. Emery was elected President.